

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2882

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: C. E. Church
Eigo KAWAKAMI et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2882
Application No.: 09/577,608)	C C .: N . (40.6
PH 1 N 05 0000	:	Confirmation No.: 6496
Filed: May 25, 2000)	
For: POSITIONING APPARATUS, ATMOSPHERE)	January 28, 2005
SUBSTITUTING METHOD, EXPOSURE	:	• .
APPARATUS, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING)	
METHOD	:	
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Commissioner for Patents		
P.O. Box 1450		
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		

* Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Request for Reconsideration in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

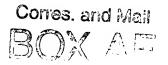
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	26	MINUS	31	= 0	x \$25 \$50	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	7	MINUS	7	= 0	x \$100 \$200	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180/\$360				\$0.00		
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00	

	°Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.			
	A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed including the additional claims fees.			
	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.			
X	Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 CFR 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.			
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the fee for a month extension is enclosed.			
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.			
X	Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.			
	Respectfully submitted,			
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action issued October 28, 2004, Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-20, 22, 24, 25 and 27-31 are presented for consideration. Claims 1, 9, 12, 14, 16, 24 and 30 are independent.

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the above-noted Office Action.